

REMARKS

Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

The Examiner's rejections will be considered in the order of their occurrence in the Office Action.

Paragraphs 1 and 2 of the Office Action

The drawings have been objected to.

Submitted under separate cover and addressed to the Examiner is applicant's proposed amendment of the drawing. Specifically, in Figure 1 of the drawings as originally filed, reference number "19" has been changed to "20", and a lead line has been supplied for reference number "15".

In light of the proposed drawing amendment, it is therefore submitted that the objection to the drawings as originally filed has been overcome, and withdrawal of the objection to the drawings is respectfully requested.

Paragraph 3 of the Office Action

The specification has been objected to for the informalities noted in the Office Action.

The specification has been amended in a manner believed to clarify any informalities in the language, particularly at the points identified in the Office Action.

Withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

Paragraph 4 of the Office Action

Claims 1 through 10 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112 (second paragraph) as being indefinite.

The above amendments to the claims are believed to clarify the requirements of the rejected claims, especially the particular points identified in the Office Action.

Withdrawal of the §112 rejection of claims 1 through 10 is

therefore respectfully requested.

Paragraphs 5 through 8 of the Office Action

Claim 1 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. Section 103(a) as being unpatentable over Southwick in view of Kidder et al.

Claim 1 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. Section 103(a) as being unpatentable over Strong in view of Hill.

Claims 1 and 2 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. Section 103(a) as being unpatentable over Steinhart in view of Kidder et al., Benjafield, and Ryan.

Claim 2 has been cancelled.

Claim 1 has been amended to include the requirements of claims 2 and 3, which was indicated as being allowable in the Office Action, and therefore claim 1 is submitted to be in condition for allowance.

Withdrawal of the §103(a) rejections of claim 1 is therefore respectfully requested.

Paragraph 9 of the Office Action:

Claims 3 through 9 have been indicated as being allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph, set forth in the Office Action.

Claim 1 has been amended to include the requirements of claim 3 as noted above.

Added claim 11 includes many of the elements of claims 1, 2, and 3 as filed, and claim 11 is submitted to be in condition for allowance.

Paragraph 10 of the Office Action:

Claim 10 has been amended in a manner submitted to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph, set forth in the Office Action, and therefore claim 10 is submitted to be

in condition for allowance.

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